

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant gratefully acknowledges continued allowance of claims 329-391 and 576-602.

Applicant has made several housekeeping amendments to these claims which should not affect the indication of allowability. The examiner also indicated that claims 436-439, 445, 472, 473, 475, 502-507, and 545-548 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Some of the claims have been amended to incorporate a limitation of the objected claims, other claims have been rewritten and appear as new claims 603-694. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the remaining pending claims.

The following arguments are presented in response to the outstanding rejections.

Objections

The examiner objected to claims 510 and 511 as in improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Claims 510-511 have been canceled.

Rejections under 35 USC §112

The examiner rejected claims 425, 429 and 432-440 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as indefinite due to dependence from a rejected base claim. The claims have been amended to depend from currently pending claims. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of claims 425, 429, and 432-440.

Rejections under 35 USC §102

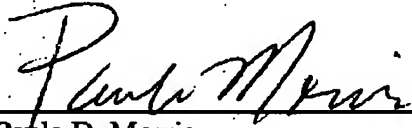
The amendments are believed to render the rejections moot.

CONCLUSION

For all of the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request allowance of all of the pending claims. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees in connection with

this response, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-0429 maintained by Baker Hughes Incorporated.

Respectfully submitted,

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